

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

In view of the amendments and remarks herein, favorable reconsideration and allowance of this application are respectfully requested. By this Amendment, claims 1, 6, 11-13, 18, 23, 38, and 40 have been amended solely for clarity, and claims 46-54 have been added. Thus, claims 1-54 are pending, although claims 7-9, 19-21, 30, 32-37, 39-41, and 43-45 are pending and withdrawn.

Rejections under 35 U.S.C. § 103

Claims 1-2, 4, 10-14, 16, 22-24, 38, and 42 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as allegedly being unpatentable over Oakes et al. (U.S. Patent Publication No. 2004/0063498) in view of Burr (U.S. Patent Publication No. 2003/0079003) and further in view of Aholainen et al. (U. S. Patent Publication No. 2005/0073522). Claims 3, 15, and 25-31 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as allegedly being unpatentable over Oakes in view of Burr and Aholainen, and further in view of Bluetooth Specification version 1.0B (available online). Claims 5 and 17 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as allegedly being unpatentable over Oakes in view of Burr and Aholainen, and further in view of Darling et al. (WO 93/23125). These rejections are respectfully traversed for at least the following reasons.

The Office Action admits that Oakes does not disclose “displaying and selecting a parent device from a parent device information including a plurality of parent devices displayable on the child device and including information pertaining to the user using the parent device and/or game being played on the parent device.” Although this is a paraphrasing of certain features of claim 1, it would appear that the Office Action is admitting that Oakes does not disclose displaying parent device information of the parent devices, as currently called for in, for

instance, the display feature of claim 1 and the wherein clause of claim 1 (and the corresponding features of the other independent claims).

To make up for this deficiency with Oakes, the Office Action relies on Burr, which allegedly disclosing a list that displays information pertaining to the user of the mobile device and the program/application installed or in use on the mobile devices. See, for example, Fig. 8 of Burr. Applicant notes, however, that the Fig. 8 display of Burr is not limited to only the parent devices. That is, to the extent that the mobile devices in Burr can be classified as either parent devices or child devices at all, paragraph 49 of Burr makes clear that the list in Fig. 8 includes all possible communication destinations.

Without acquiescing to the propriety of the rejection, Applicant has amended the independent claims to make even more clear that the claimed display lists only parent devices. This express language effectively precludes the display shown in Burr, which must display all possible communication destinations in order for its intended use to be carried out. Even the alleged combinations would not include this subject matter.

Accordingly, reconsideration and withdrawal of all outstanding rejections are respectfully requested.

New Claims

New claims 46-54 have been added to encompass additional originally disclosed subject matter. These claims essentially specify that a child device can request to itself become a parent device while the display displaying the parent device information is shown. Such features are not taught or suggested by the cited art, alone or in combination. Thus, these claims should be allowable for at least this further reason.

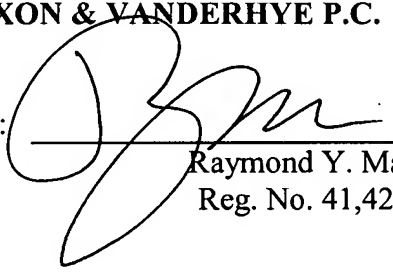
Conclusion

In view of the foregoing amendments and remarks, Applicant respectfully submits that the invention defined by the amended claims herein is not taught or suggested by the prior art of record. Thus, withdrawal of the rejections and allowance of this application are earnestly solicited. Should the Examiner have any questions, please do not hesitate to call the undersigned attorney at the phone number below.

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